## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-7 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended, without introducing new matter into the application.

On the merits, Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for failing to claim statutory subject matter. The arguments advanced in support of this rejection are discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action, the heart of which, according to the Examiner, is that the claims do not recite "any limitation to a practical application as a result of the algorithm or outcome."

Applicants believe that Claim 1 as amended now recites statutory subject matter. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is believed to be moot.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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